

A Short History of the World (H. G. Wells)

A Short History of the World is a period-piece non-fictional historic work by **H. G. Wells** first published by **Cassell & Co, Ltd** Publishing in 1922.^[1] It was first published in Penguin Books in 1936. It was republished under **Penguin Classics** in 2006. The book was largely inspired by Wells's earlier 1919 work *The Outline of History*.^[2]

The book is 344 pages in total,^[3] summarising the scientific knowledge of the time regarding the history of Earth and life. It starts with its **origins**, goes on to explain the development of the Earth and life on Earth,^[4] reaching primitive thought and the development of humankind from the Cradle of Civilisation.^[5] The book ends with the outcome of the **First World War**, the **Russian famine of 1921**, and the **League of Nations** in 1922.^{[6][7][8]}

1 See also

- *A Little History of the World*

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